Urban Population Below Poverty Line

4081. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of urban population still below the poverty line;

(b) the details of the schemes which have been implemented during the last three years, till date, year-wise;

(c) to what extent these schemes have been successful alongwith the physical achievement during the said period; and

(d) the total budget earmarked during the current financial year for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The urban population below poverty line as per 1993-94 (Expert-Group) was 763.37 lakhs.

(b) Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 01.12.1997 on all India basis for the benefit of urban poor. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provisions of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

(c) Physical achievements under SJSRY as reported by the States/UTs (upto 31.3.2001) are as under:—

Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)	
—Mandays of work generated	— 331.06 lakh
Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)	
—Beneficiaries assisted	— 275128

By and large, the performance of the Scheme has been satisfactory.

(d) Rs. 168 crores have been earmarked for the scheme for the current financial year.